

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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CELLULAR MOBILE SERVICE BY MTNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Cellular Mobile Service operated by MTNL is not functioning effectively though MTNL had made an assurance in the beginning to expand this service within two months;
- (b) if so, whether the Government propose to expand cellular telephone service operated by MTNL;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be done; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

- (a) & (b): The MTNL's cellular mobile service using WILL CDMA technology covers only certain areas as per the map advertised at the time of launch of this service. The reason for this selected coverage is on account of availability of limited number of Base Transceiver Stations at the time of launch of this service. MTNL is now upgrading the service except in respect of roaming facilities in case of service provided with CDMA technology. However, with GSM technology roaming shall also be possible.
- (c) 30, 000 number of subscribers shall be provided mobile service covering all areas of Delhi by using WILL CDMA technology and 1 lakh subscribers will be provided mobile service covering all areas of Delhi using GSM technology. These two projects are planned to be completed in the financial year so that the customers get a satisfactory quality of service.
- (d) Not applicable in view of (c) above.